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The Lamar * family is of French origin. Definite particulars are unknown as to the residence in France, or of the cause of emigration. According to family tradition the emigrants were Huguenots, many of whom came to Maryland and Virginia about 1660. *Lamar* is the present form of the name which was variously spelled in the first fifty years after the settlement of the family in America, as Lamore, Lamare, Lamaire, De La Maire, Lemaire, Lemarre, Lemar, Le Mar, La Mar and Lamar. The present form of spelling is not found earlier than 1697.

Authentic records place the emigration to Virginia, and removal to Maryland, prior to 1663. On Nov. 17, 1663, a certificate of naturalization or *denuozacon*, appears in *Annapolis, Md., Land Records*, vol. xx, fol. 95, in which it is recited:

> Whereas Thomas and Peter Lamore, late of Virginia, and subjects of the crown of France, having transported themselves into this province here to abide, have besought us to grant them, the said Thomas and Peter Lamore, leave to here inhabit as free denizens, and freedom land to them and their heirs to purchase, etc.

* See *Lucius Q. C. Lamar: life, times, and speeches.* 1825-1893. By Edward Mayes, LL. D. Nashville. 1896. Chapter I gives brief genealogy, with deductions as to intermarriages. Portraits of Mirabeau B. Lamar, Judge Lucius Q. C. Lamar, Sr., and Justice L. Q. C. Lamar, Jr., are given. Excepting a few charts privately prepared, and circulated among its members, nothing further has been done in the genealogy of this family.

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In 1666 Thomas and Peter Lamore, of French descent, received patents of naturalization.* There appears to be no doubt that Thomas is the founder of the family here presented. Peter Lamore [1] owned lands, lived and died in Calvert Co., Md. He was probably unmarried when he came to Maryland. His will, dated Oct. 9, 1693, probated March 31, 1694, names wife Frances, and dauts.: 1. Ann;[2] 2. Mary;[2] and 3. Margaret.[2] Ann [2] m. Peter O'Neal, whose will, dated April 7, 1745, probated Sept. 16, 1747, refers to himself as of St. Mary Co., Md., and names his children: 1. John;[3] 2. Peter Lamar;[3] 3. James;[3] 4. Elizabeth;[3] 5. Sarah;[3] and 6. Mary O'Neal.[3]

In 1674 a John De Le Maire was naturalized in Maryland. His papers show that he was a native of Anjou, France.† He located a tract of land in Charles Co. called "Hespaniola." He was a doctor, as shown by numerous administrator's accounts. His wife was Margaret, daut. of Archibald Waghoque (sic), as appears by deed of gift from the latter to his son-in-law, Feb. 1, 1676, of 300 acres on west side of Port Tobacco, or St. Thomas Creek, called "Waghoque Purchase."

It will be seen that Thomas and Peter Lamore, and John De Le Maire (also spelled Lemaire) are contemporaneously located in Maryland. They may have been brothers; it is almost certain that Thomas and Peter were. No descendants of Peter or John are known. Peter left no sons, as shown by his will; and John seems to have moved away from Charles Co., and probably out of the Province of Maryland, about 1687. Those of Thomas appear below.

I. Thomas Lamar,[1] b. in France, early emigrant to Virginia, was naturalized in Maryland, 1663. On November 24, 1665, he made application for lands for transportation of self and wife Mary to Maryland, which claim he assigned

* *Maryland Archives. Proc. of the Council, 1666-1667*, p. 489 (Liber H. H. p. 189), Md. Hist. Soc. Pub.

† *Maryland Archives. Proc. and Acts of the Assembly, 1666-1676*, p. 400 (Liber W. H. & L., p. 86), Md. Hist. Soc. Pub.

to Cuthbert Fenwick the next day. *Annapolis Land Records*, vol. ix, fol. 312. On Mar. 6, 1676, James Thompson, dep. surveyor, gives certificate of survey that he has laid off for Thomas Lamare, of Calvert Co., "Planter," 50 acres of land: "called the Fishing Place situate in Calvert County on the West side of the Patuxent river and the north side of Trent Creek," adjoining lands in Trent creek already occupied by him. The Calvert Co. records have been destroyed, but in 1696 that part of the county west of Patuxent river and including "Fishing Place" was thrown into Prince George Co. The records of this county show that he had large landed interests, acquired prior to 1696.

His will, dated Oct. 4, 1712, probated May 29, 1714, refers to him as of Prince George Co., Province of Maryland; names wife Ann, who is apptd. executrix; gives to son Thomas[2] the plantation where he now lives, with half of testator's lands; to son John[2] the plantation where testator lives; "wife to enjoy all my land and movable estate both here and in England during her widowhood"; son Thomas[2] not to be disturbed by testator's wife from clearing or building on lands during possession; wits.—John Pottinger, Jr., Samuel Pottinger, John Turner, Jr.

He was evidently married twice: (1) Mary ————; (2) Ann Pottinger (?) The name of the second wife, Pottinger, is conjectural, and is assumed from various circumstances appearing in the Prince George Co. records. He died, and is supposed to have been buried at or near "Fishing Place." Children, probably by *first wife:*

II. (1) Thomas Lamar,[2] m. Martha ————.
Probably by *second wife:*
(2) John Lamar,[2] m. Susan ————. In his father's will he was given the home place in Prince George Co., and here he probably lived and died. His will, dated Feb. 28, 1758, probated Nov. 1, 1758, is in *Prince George Co. Record of Wills*, Liber T. T. 1. fol. 267. Names wife Susan and 11 children as below.
Children, order conjectural:
i. *Thomas Lamar*,[3] m. Mrs. Hill, of Prince George Co., was a physician; moved to Madeira Islands; accumulated a

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fortune and died in London, England, where his will is recorded; no issue.

ii. *John,*[3] d. 1756. m. Sarah ————. Children: 1. *Jacob Lamar;*[4] 2. *John;*[4] 3. *Mack;*[4] 4. *William Bishop;*[4] 5. *Susanna;*[4] 6. *Rebecca.*[4]

iii. *Robert,*[3] m. Sarah ————. Lived in Frederick Co., Md., removed to Allegany Co., where he died 1815. Children: 1. *William Lamar,*[4] b. 1755 in Frederick Co., d. 1838 in Allegany Co., was in Revolutionary War and war of 1812; one of his dauts. m. ———— Sprigg, parents of James C. Sprigg, Washington, D. C., and of Mrs. Laura A. Patterson, Cumberland, Md.; 2. *Priscilla,*[4] m. James Drane; 3. *Richard;*[4] 4. *Marine*[4] (son); 5. *Elizabeth,*[4] m. John Simpkins, Allegany Co.

iv. *Susanna;*[3] v. *Ann;*[3] vi. *Mary;*[3] vii. *Elizabeth;*[3] viii. *Marine;*[3] ix. *Richard;*[3] x. *Rachel;*[3] xi. *Priscilla.*[3]

II. Thomas Lamar[2] (*Thomas, Sr.*) was b. probably about 1660-70. In his father's will he was given the plantation whereon he then resided. Numerous land transactions in the records of Prince George Co. show him to have had an extensive property. Much of his land lay on the waters of Rock Creek, and Muddy Branch, near Rockville, Montgomery Co., Md. Here was his home, and here he died and is probably buried. His will, dated May 11, 1747, probated Jan. 31, 1748, is in *Prince George Co. Record of Wills,* vol. i, fol. 426. To son Robert[3] he gave 1000 acres of land, a part of tract called "Joseph and James"; to son Thomas,[3] 200 acres of same; to son John,[3] remainder of "Joseph and James," also parts of tracts called "Conclusion" and "The Pines"; to son Samuel,[3] part of "Conclusion"; to son James,[3] part of tract called "Two Brothers"; to son Alexander,[3] part of "The Pines"; to son-in-law William Williams, part of "Conclusion"; and to son-in-law Clementius Davis, part of "The Pines" and part of "Hunting Hill." His wife is not definitely known. However, a record preserved by Miss Mary Russell, a descendant of Elizabeth Lamar,[3] wife of Joseph Wilson, says that she was Martha Urquhart, sister of the Rev. John Urquhart.

On Jan. 25, 1755, John, Samuel, Robert and Thomas Lamar,[3] sons of Thomas and Martha Lamar,[2] sold sundry

tracts of land, part of their inheritances, to Rev. John Urquhart, "Gentleman," "Rector of Al-Faith Parish in St. Mary's County." It was soon after this that these all removed from Maryland and settled in South Carolina and Georgia. Children, order conjectural:

(1) Robert Lamar,[3] m. ————, removed to S. C. about 1755; d. there prior to 1771. In this year Robert,[4] of S. C., his son and apparently only heir, executed a deed to Alexander Urquhart (nephew and heir of Rev. John Urquhart), correcting mistake in a deed of his father to said Rev. John U. of lands in Md., made in 1755. This one child, *Robert Lamar*,[4] m. ————, and had 1. *Philip*;[5] 2. *James*;[5] and 3. *Thomas*.[5] James Lamar,[6] son of Philip,[5] is the father of Joseph R. Lamar,[7] of Augusta, Ga.

(2) Samuel,[3] m. ————, prior to 1755, when he sold lands in Md. and removed to S. C. In 1756 he held lands in Beaufort Co., S. C.

(3) Alexander,[3] m. ————; sold lands in Md. about 1755, and moved away.

III. (4) John,[3] m. Rachel ————.

(5) James,[3] m. Valinda ————; sold lands in Md. about 1755, and moved away.

(6) ————,[3] m. William Williams, probably moved to S. C.

(7) Mary,[3] m. Clementius Davis; moved to Edgefield Co., S. C., about 1755, and later to Richmond Co., Ga. Many descendants in Ga.

(8) Thomas,[3] m. Eleanor ————, sold lands in Md., and moved to S. C., where he had extensive grants of land on the Savannah river, in 1756, 7, 8, and 1764 and 1768. He was living in S. C., or Ga., in 1771, as he was a witness to deed of Robert Lamar,[4] of S. C., and John Lamar,[3] of Ga., to Alexander Urquhart. Descendants in S. C. and Ga.

(9) Elizabeth,[3] b. Oct. 26, 1722; and m. June 18, 1747, Joseph Wilson. Lived and died in what is now Montgomery Co., Md. Miss Mary Russell, Rockville, Md., is a descendant.

III. John Lamar[3] (*Thomas*,[2] *Thomas Sr.*,[1]) sold all his lands in Maryland, near Rockville, and about 1755 removed to South Carolina. In 1757 he had a grant of 300 acres of land on Beaver Dam Creek, S. C. Later he removed to Georgia, where he was living in 1771, when he executed a deed to Alexander Urquhart (nephew and heir of Rev. John Urquhart) correcting deed made by grantor to said

Rev. John U. of lands in Maryland, in 1755. He was a planter and slave-owner; and died in Ga. His wife was Rachel ————. Children, order conjectural:

(1) Zachariah Lamar,[4] m. ————.

IV. (2) John,[4] m. ————.

(3) Thomas,[4] m. ————. Lived and died in Ga. Children:

i. *Rebecca*,[5] m. her first cousin, *John*,[5] son of John Lamar.[4]

ii. ————[5], m. ———— Jeter.

iii. *Zacharias*,[5] m. ————. Children: 1. *Andrew J. Lamar;*[6] 2. *John B.;*[6] and 3. *Mary Ann;*[6] b. April 23, 1818, d. Nov. 27, 1880, m. Gen. Howell Cobb,* son of John Addison and Sarah (*Rootes*) Cobb. Children: (1) *John Addison Cobb;*[7] (2) *Maj. Lamar;*[7] (3) *Judge Howell;*[7] (4) *Mary Ann*,[7] m. Judge Alex. S. Erwin; (5) *Sarah Mildred*[7] m. Tinsley W. Rucker; (6) *Judge Andrew J.*[7]

(4) Basil,[4] m. ————. Lived and died in Ga. Children: i. *John;*[5] ii. *Pennington;*[5] iii. *Peter;*[5] iv. *Ezekiel;*[5] v. Prudence,[5] m. ———— Winn, son of the founder of Winnsboro, S. C. A daut. *Susan Winn*,[6] m. Col. William Curry, of Lincoln Co., Ga., a planter and merchant, and member of the Ga. Legislature, who removed to Talladega, Ala., in 1837, and d. there in 1855. Dr. Jabez Lamar Monroe Curry,[7] Washington, D. C., a distinguished educator and thinker, is a son.†

(5) Jeremiah,[4] m. ————. Children:

i. *Thomas;*[5] ii. *John;*[5] iii. *James;*[5] iv. *Mrs. Sinquefield.*[5] *Henry G. Lamar*,[5] son of *John*,[5] was a prominent Georgian, and the father of the wife[7] of Senator A. O. Bacon, from Ga.

IV. John Lamar,[4] (*John*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas Sr.*[1]) lived in Putnam and Lincoln Counties, Ga., was a well-to-do planter, land and slave owner. Married: (1) ————; (2) ————; (3) ————. Children, by what wives unknown:

(1) Zachariah Lamar.[5]

(2) Basil.[5] His son, *Gazaway B. Lamar*,[6] b. 1798 in Ga., d. in N. Y., Oct. 5, 1874, was a prominent banker and friend of the South in the late war. His son, Col. *Charles Lamar*, was one of the last men killed in this war.

(3) Harmong,[5] lived in Columbia and Newton Counties in Ga., and later in Glennville, Barbour Co., Ala., where he died;

* See *Va. Mag. of Hist. and Biog.*, iv., pp. 210, 332, for full account of this connection with *Rootes'* antecedents.

† Brewer's *Alabama*, 541.

was a wealthy and prosperous planter; m. Martha Ann Young, daut. Wm. Young, who went from at or near Baltimore, Md., to Augusta, Ga. She d. in Tuskegee, Ala. Children:

i. *John O. Lamar,*[6] m. (1) Sarah Andrew, daut. of Bishop Andrew; (2) Miss Perry.
ii. *Lucy B.*[6] m. (1) James Barnett.
iii. *Cornelia,*[6] m. Dr. Robert Howard, of Tuskegee, Ala.
iv. *Wm. Harmong,*[6] m. Ann M. Glenn, daut. of Rev. John Bowles Glenn[*] and wife, Maria Allen, (m. in Jones Co. Ga.) He is a physician, and now lives at Jasper, Ala. Children: 1. Theodore J. Lamar,[7] m. Miss Orlean Cleveland; 2. *Charles R.,*[7] m. Laura Cain; 3. *Glennie C.,*[7] m. T. S. Phillips; 4. *William Harmong,*[7] m. Virginia Longstreet Lamar, daut. of Justice L. Q. C. Lamar, reside in Rockville, Md., chil.: (1) *Virginia Longstreet;*[8] (2) *Augusta Glenn;*[8] (3) *L. Q. C.*[8] (4) *Wm. H., Jr.*[8] 5. *Howard,*[7] m. Alma Hayes Jasper, Ala.; 6. *Annie,*[7] unm.; 7. *George Holt,*[7] m. Edith Stonestreet, live at Rockville, Md.
v. *Sallie,*[6] m. Wm. Russell; vi. *Thomas;*[6] vii. *Lucius M.*[6]

(4) John,[5] b. 1769; d. Aug. 3, 1833. He resided for a time in Warren Co., but later in Putnam Co., Ga. He was a thrifty planter, and resided on a valuable estate ten or twelve miles south of Eatonton. His wife was his first cousin, Rebecca,[5] daut. of Thomas Lamar.[4]

Children, order conjectural:

i. *Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus,*[5]† b. in Warren Co. Ga., July 15, 1797; was a prominent lawyer and judge; d. July 4, 1834, in Milledgeville, Ga.; m. Sarah Williamson Bird, b. Feb. 24, 1802. After his death she m. Col. Hiram B. Troutman, of Vineville, Ga. Children: 1. *Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar,*[7]‡ b. Sept. 1, 1825; d. Jan. 23, 1893; m. (1) Virginia Lafayette Longstreet, (daut. of Rev. Augustus B. Longstreet, then Pres. of Emory College); (2) Mrs. H. D. Holt (no issue by this mar.); was a distinguished lawyer; statesman; and Justice U. S. Sup. Ct.;

* Son of James Glenn, b. in Cumberland Co., Va., emigrated to Union Co., S. C.; whose wife was Elizabeth Bowles, (b., Aug. 13, 1748, in Fluvanna Co., Va., d. Union Co., S. C.) daut. of Thomas and Sarah Bowles. Dr. James Allen, father of Maria (*Allen*) Glenn, emigrated from Baltimore, Md., to Jones Co., Ga.

† For extended sketch of him see Miller's *Bench and Bar of Ga.*, ii., pp. 133-150; also Appleton's *Cyclopedia of Am. Biog.*, iii., p. 598, for biographies of Mirabeau B.,[6] Lucius Q. C. *Sr.*,[5] and Lucius Q. C. *Jr.*[7]

‡ See his *Life, times and speeches*, by Mayes; foot-note *supra*.

resided in Miss. Children: (1) *Frances Lamar,*[3] m. Judge Edward Mayes, Jackson, Miss.; (2) *Lucius Q. C.* m. Kate Lester, Washington, D. C.; (3) *Augusta,*[3] m. F. H. Heiskell, Memphis, Tenn.; and (4) *Virginia Longstreet,*[3] m. William Harmong Lamar,[3] *supra.* 2. *Thomson Bird;*[2] 3. *Jefferson Mirabeau;*[2] 4. *Mrs. Susan L. Wiggins;*[2] 5. *Mary Ann,* m. (1) James C. Longstreet, (2) John B. Ross.; 6-8, d. young.

ii. *Mirabeau Buonaparte,*[2] b. Aug. 16, 1798, in Louisville, Ga. was a writer, soldier, lawyer, statesman, and diplomatist was President of Tex.; and d. in Richmond, that State, Dec. 19, 1859.

iii. *Thomas Randolph;*[2] iv. *Jefferson Jackson;*[2] v. *Mrs. Evalina Harvey;*[2] vi. *Mrs. Mary A. Moreland;*[2] vii. *Mrs. Aurelia Randle;*[2] viii. *Mrs. Louisa McGehee;*[2] and ix. *Loretto Lamar,*[2] m. Absalom Harris Chappell, Esq., Columbus, Ga.

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